

Division of Family & Children



# Demographic Trend <sup>SFY</sup>2003 Report

## Bureau of Child Development

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Child Care/First Steps/  
Healthy Families/  
Indiana Head Start  
Partnership Project



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The Bureau of Child Development (BCD) administers a cluster of programs that affect the early care and education of children in Indiana. These include Child Care, First Steps, Healthy Families, and the Indiana Head Start Partnership Project, which are described below. The purpose of these programs is to support quality early care and learning opportunities to children through prevention, early intervention and quality child care services. In addition to strengthening early learning for young children through partnerships across BCD programs, the Bureau has established intra- and interagency partnerships, including ones with the Division of Mental Health, the Department of Education and the Department of Health. Finally, The Bureau has established working relationships with community-based partners involved in supporting local programs to ensure that Indiana's children are safe, healthy, and ready to learn.

### Child Care

The Child Care Team is responsible for licensure of child care centers and child care homes, registration of child care ministries, certification of Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) providers, distribution of CCDF funding for child care assistance to eligible children and families and several child care quality initiatives. A public web site is available that allows parents to search for licensed and registered providers in their area. This web site, [www.in.gov/fssa/carefinder](http://www.in.gov/fssa/carefinder), also allows users to check the history of child care providers regarding: licensing/registration status, complaints, inspection violations, and enforcement actions. Other general information about the child care field is available on this site or through links provided to other sites, such as the Bureau of Child Development.

As of 12/31/2003, there were 635 licensed child care centers, 3343 licensed child care homes, and 659 registered child care ministries in Indiana. These child care settings have the capacity to accommodate approximately 122, 721 children.

In 2003, an average of 38,104 children received child care vouchers totaling \$164 million. There were 5,498 providers eligible to receive CCDF voucher payments – 447 licensed centers, 2195 licensed homes, 376 registered ministries, and 2480 legally licensed exempt providers. The Bureau of Child Development also contracts with some licensed child care centers to provide child care for eligible families.

Licensed child care centers and homes are visited at least annually to ensure compliance with state child care regulations and statutes. Registered child care ministries are visited quarterly. In addition, state staff investigates all complaints, participates in enforcement actions, and determines eligibility for licensed and registered provider participation in the CCDF voucher program.

State child care staff conducts monthly orientation sessions in Indianapolis for all prospective center or ministry providers. At the time of the orientation session, prospective providers receive a complete application packet and resource materials along with workshop sessions presented by all State agencies and Division of Family and Children bureaus interacting with child care facilities. Registration for these sessions is available through the Carefinder website.

The Bureau of Child Development has a contract with the Indiana Association of Child Care Resource and Referral to provide a two-part orientation training to all prospective licensed child care home providers. Prospective providers receive a complete application packet and resource materials during the trainings, conducted at the local level and scheduled through the local Child Care Resource and Referral Agency.

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The Indiana Association of Child Care Resource and Referral also has a contract to determine CCDF provider eligibility for all legally licensed exempt providers. The Child Care Resource and Referral agency completes a checklist and once all requirements have been met, the approved provider's name is sent to the Bureau of Child Development for certification as a CCDF provider.

The Bureau of Child Development funds statewide initiatives to improve the availability and quality of early care and education in such areas as parent education, professional development of the child care workforce, activities to promote the social and emotional development of children, and activities to promote best practices to ensure that children are safe, healthy and ready to learn. The Child Care Team is responsible for the local service delivery of the Child Care Development Fund subsidy program, as well as for initiation, approval, and implementation of public/private partnerships and local quality and School-Age Child Care grants. Field based consultants work directly with county CCDF Intake Agents, local Step Ahead Councils, local Offices of Family and Children, and local Child Care Resource and Referral agencies.

### First Steps

The First Steps Early Intervention System is Indiana's response to Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Established in 1986, this federal legislation created an opportunity for states to establish a community-based, family-centered, comprehensive system of early intervention services for eligible children and their families. First Steps' broad definition of children with special needs, the exclusion of family income as consideration for eligibility, emphasis on family-focused intervention and efforts to provide services in the child's natural environment all combine to create a successful program whose population consists of those in most need of early intervention. Indiana's annual performance report to the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) is available at [www.in.gov/fssa/first\\_step](http://www.in.gov/fssa/first_step) under the "Federal Monitoring" icon. Additional quarterly profile reports by county are at the same website under the "Data" icon.

First Steps is implemented by Local Planning and Coordinating Councils (LPCC) across Indiana. Referrals are made to the System Point of Entry (SPOE) serving the county where the family resides. Contact information is available under the "How to Contact Us" icon on the First Steps' website listed above.

Indiana's early intervention system impact on child, family and community outcomes is being documented by the First Steps Statewide Outcomes Evaluation Project that began collecting data in November, 2002. Semi-annual reports are available at [www.in.gov/fssa/first\\_step/outcomeseval.html](http://www.in.gov/fssa/first_step/outcomeseval.html).

### Healthy Families

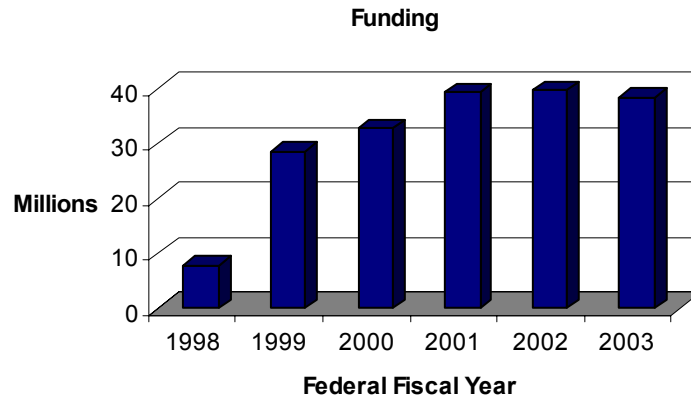
Over nine years ago the Family and Social Services Administration launched the Healthy Families Indiana home visiting program with a vision of supporting and educating new parents, beginning at or before their baby's birth. The program has grown into a statewide voluntary home visiting initiative with the following three goals: to promote positive parenting, to encourage child health and development, and to prevent child abuse and neglect. By working closely with hospital maternity wards, prenatal clinics, and other local agencies, Healthy Families systematically identifies families that could benefit from these education and support services either before or immediately after birth.

The growth of the Healthy Families Program throughout Indiana has been unprecedented. Currently, 56 Healthy Families Indiana sites are providing services to families and children in all 92 counties. Prevent Child Abuse America and Healthy Families America credentialed Healthy

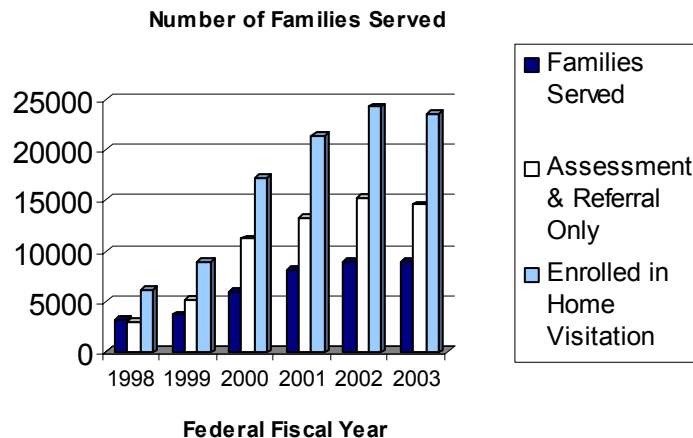
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Families Indiana as a statewide, multi-site system on June 9, 2004. For a detailed listing of the sites by county please refer to: <http://www.in.gov/fssa/families/protection/hfisites.html>. Prevent Child Abuse America Healthy Families America (HFA) designates Healthy Families Indiana as the HFA Midwest Regional Resource Center of Excellence. Indiana is widely recognized as a national model for the Healthy Families America initiative because of the extensive training services. In order to maintain support of Healthy Families rapid expansion, multi-level leadership from the public/private sector is critical to the program. Current partnerships include but are not limited to: First Steps Early Intervention, Women, Infants and Children (WIC), Early Head Start, Head Start, Office of Family and Children, Division of Mental Health, Juvenile Justice Institute, and Hospitals.

The expansion of Healthy Families demonstrates how the program has grown in program funding and families served since its inception in 1994.



Funding is a combination of local, state and federal dollars.



The number of families served has increased from 760 in 1994 to 23,554 in 2003

For additional information about the Healthy Families Indiana Program, please visit their website @ <http://www.in.gov/fssa/families/protection/dfchealthy.html>

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### **Indiana-Head Start Partnership Project**

Indiana-Head Start Partnership Project is a federally funded grant to the state. Each state, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia all have similar grants. In Indiana this is a two person project which is located in the Bureau of Child Development, Division of Families and Children.

The fundamental purposes of the Project are three: 1) Assist in building early childhood systems and access to comprehensive services and support for all low-income children; 2) Promote widespread collaboration and partnership between Head Start and other appropriate programs, services, and initiatives, including child care and State preschool; and 3) Facilitate the involvement of Head Start in the development of State policies, plans, processes and decisions affecting the Head Start target populations, and other low-income families.

This Partnership office works in collaboration with the 42 Head Start/Early Head Start grantees and delegate programs in the state. It is important to note that this office is not in charge of these programs but works to strengthen and build knowledge and relationships with state level organizations and governmental agencies. This office also works closely with state governmental and other organizations in the areas of health, child care, public assistance, early care and education professional development, family literacy, homelessness and community service activities.

**CCDF Data by County**  
**Federal Fiscal Year 2001 to 2003**

County	AVG Auth Children per month*			AVG Wait List per month*		
	FFY 01	FFY 02	FFY 03	FFY 01	FFY 02	FFY 03
Adams	141	104	53	0	4	4
Allen	4025	3885	3188	1021	688	186
Bartholomew	492	361	336	5	319	133
Benton	88	74	49	0	4	1
Blackford	102	85	52	8	22	17
Boone	132	114	102	9	8	44
Brown	107	70	66	14	46	12
Carroll	37	28	17	10	1	2
Cass	300	278	243	165	64	29
Clark	808	681	636	63	1	109
Clay	186	163	140	106	42	15
Clinton	92	91	65	3	2	1
Crawford	91	79	50	0	0	0
Daviess	282	171	171	49	48	36
Dearborn	212	186	127	38	17	51
Decatur	104	100	60	0	0	5
Dekalb	191	175	118	40	15	4
Delaware	1246	1037	903	146	145	106
Dubois	150	131	97	1	0	18
Elkhart	1226	963	738	16	444	101
Fayette	233	240	174	0	0	1
Floyd	620	554	505	26	1	76
Fountain	75	58	33	0	4	11
Franklin	90	70	51	0	8	1
Fulton	148	115	106	0	26	9
Gibson	206	154	142	28	70	0
Grant	712	634	425	0	0	1
Greene	227	154	168	12	28	9
Hamilton	182	172	163	9	173	88
Hancock	213	148	94	7	25	35
Harrison	257	219	166	25	30	50
Hendricks	212	175	135	88	67	55
Henry	302	239	187	6	3	14
Howard	763	691	669	312	175	126
Huntington	239	215	118	0	20	8
Jackson	185	185	189	149	110	51
Jasper	124	54	38	18	49	4
Jay	155	122	58	0	0	4
Jefferson	195	175	146	0	0	59
Jennings	223	189	118	0	13	8
Johnson	330	344	267	0	108	64
Knox	429	272	272	43	47	2
Kosciusko	411	353	263	59	126	89
Lagrange	128	120	73	10	16	11
Lake	7622	6666	5250	343	295	489
Laporte	1095	542	629	268	283	147
Lawrence	532	415	382	0	0	6
Madison	937	784	588	2	0	37

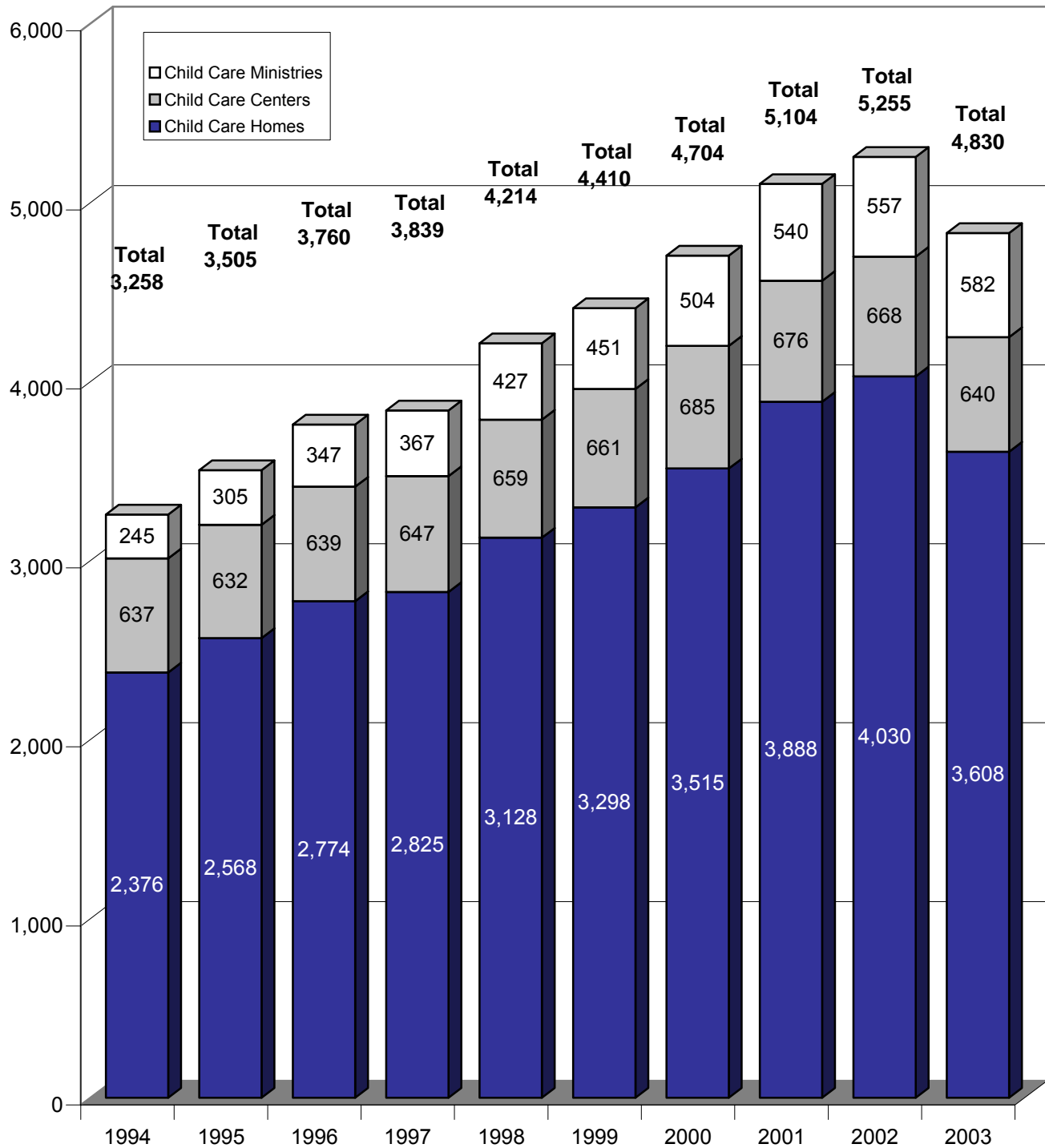
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	FFY 01	FFY 02	FFY 03	FFY 01	FFY 02	FFY 03
Marion	14416	11895	9628	5082	6939	1834
Marshall	201	145	122	3	20	30
Martin	127	80	54	0	0	0
Miami	304	271	176	44	23	17
Monroe	883	716	550	157	232	86
Montgomery	199	152	119	23	10	18
Morgan	368	410	328	74	142	69
Newton	99	71	28	0	0	4
Noble	178	177	81	12	66	22
Ohio	40	30	22	0	0	4
Orange	226	145	106	0	56	43
Owen	158	138	89	0	38	11
Parke	104	101	84	7	41	8
Perry	146	138	105	20	0	1
Pike	63	76	43	0	7	14
Porter	619	557	415	0	135	101
Posey	141	141	140	0	41	9
Pulaski	65	54	32	3	8	6
Putnam	179	170	108	44	17	16
Randolph	133	108	58	0	22	3
Ripley	138	130	91	29	32	30
Rush	118	86	35	1	0	1
Saint Joseph	2102	2014	1515	719	622	227
Scott	222	168	122	0	0	32
Shelby	228	152	151	29	0	7
Spencer	156	118	91	12	9	1
Starke	138	41	33	3	22	1
Steuben	136	148	90	16	2	5
Sullivan	153	100	95	25	27	3
Switzerland	71	59	34	3	1	5
Tippecanoe	1146	951	849	73	73	34
Tipton	44	35	32	9	1	8
Union	88	34	10	17	29	12
Vanderburgh	2216	1881	1627	164	433	301
Vermillion	113	84	63	1	6	1
Vigo	1615	1299	1189	375	497	138
Wabash	269	223	164	3	0	1
Warren	34	24	15	0	1	8
Warrick	262	238	176	40	76	40
Washington	207	196	143	28	10	38
Wayne	685	616	502	0	0	2
Wells	91	86	60	2	1	1
White	132	64	36	18	67	0
Whitley	138	129	75	26	68	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>56001</b>	<b>47279</b>	<b>38104</b>	<b>10156</b>	<b>13323</b>	<b>5529</b>

**Number of Child Care Facilities  
Licensed by Division of Family and Children  
as of June 30 of State Fiscal Years 1994 to 2003**





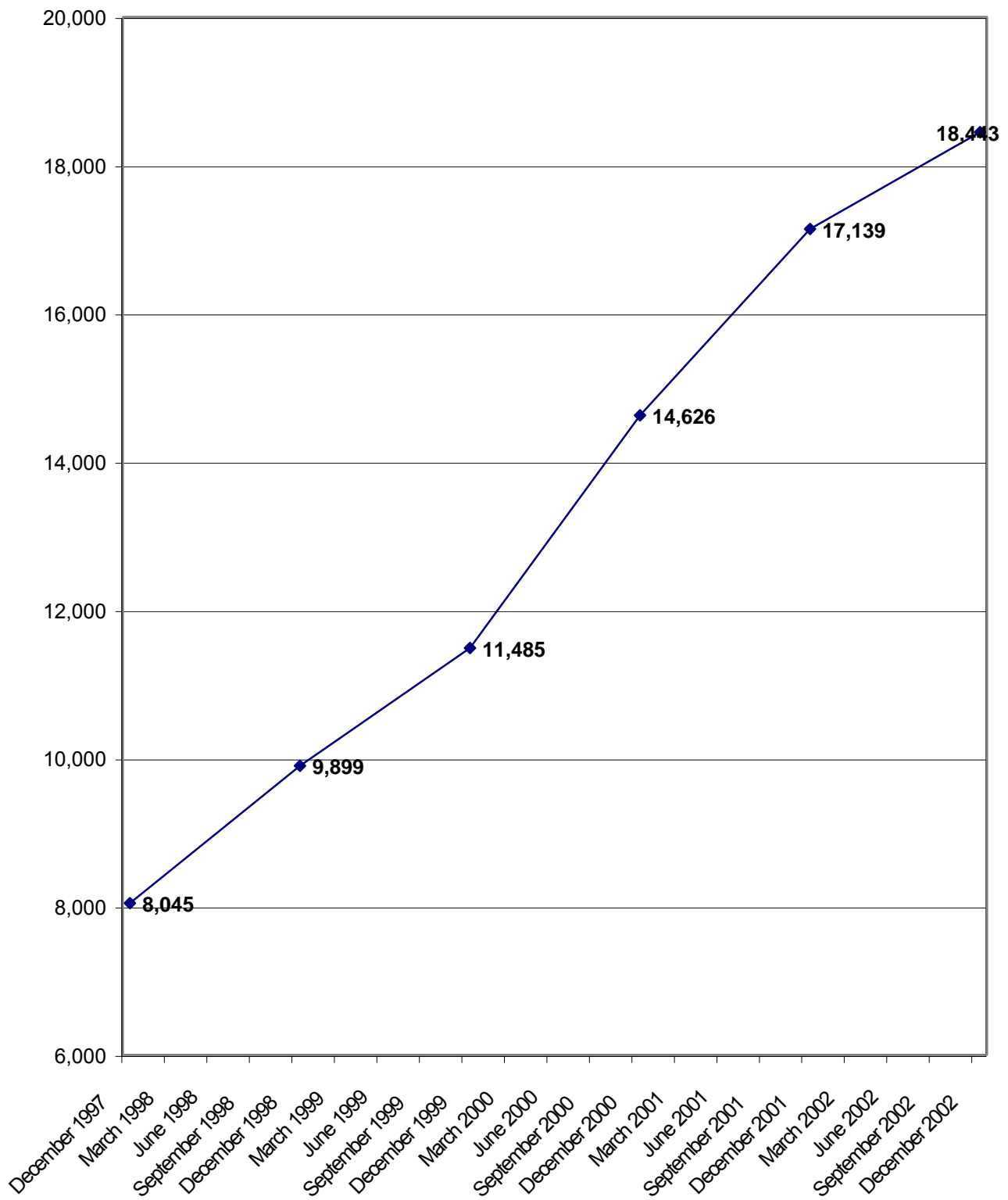
Map of Indiana showing the number of Child Care Homes, Child Care Centers, and Registered Child Care Ministries by county. The legend indicates:

- Child Care Homes - 3,642 (Total Capacity - 42,492)
- Child Care Centers - 641 (Total Capacity 62,366)
- △ Registered Child Care Ministries - 582

Counties and their respective counts (Child Care Homes, Child Care Centers, Registered Child Care Ministries):

- Lake: 273, 46, 50
- Porter: 43, 9, 7
- Laporte: 69, 8, 1
- St. Joseph: 166, 39, 28
- Elkhart: 74, 15, 15
- Lagrange: 17, 5, 1
- Steuben: 23, 2, 7
- Noble: 19, 5, 7
- DeKalb: 30, 8, 3
- Whitley: 15, 4, 2
- Allen: 181, 37, 38
- Jasper: 10, 2, 1
- Pulaski: 9, 1, 1
- Fulton: 19, 3, 2
- Kosciusko: 53, 4, 4
- Newton: 3, 2, 1
- Benton: 10, 2, 1
- White: 25, 1, 1
- Cass: 13, 3, 5
- Miami: 13, 1, 5
- Wabash: 25, 3, 5
- Huntington: 25, 1, 6
- Wells: 18, 5, 5
- Adams: 11, 2, 5
- Carroll: 10, 1, 2
- Howard: 19, 11, 17
- Grant: 33, 5, 3
- Blackford: 13, 1, 1
- Jay: 21, 1, 1
- Warren: 4, 1, 1
- Tippecanoe: 112, 15, 12
- Clinton: 10, 2, 5
- Tipton: 1, 1, 1
- Madison: 46, 9, 11
- Delaware: 37, 10, 14
- Randolph: 8, 1, 3
- Vermillion: 10, 1, 1
- Fountain: 12, 1, 1
- Parke: 15, 1, 1
- Boone: 19, 10, 4
- Hamilton: 75, 33, 9
- Henry: 27, 1, 3
- Wayne: 41, 10, 8
- Montgomery: 19, 2, 5
- Hendricks: 46, 16, 4
- Marion: 500, 118, 131
- Hancock: 37, 4, 3
- Rush: 13, 1, 1
- Union: 2, 1, 1
- Fayette: 16, 5, 5
- Franklin: 11, 1, 1
- Morgan: 23, 5, 7
- Johnson: 27, 17, 5
- Shelby: 34, 3, 3
- Decatur: 9, 2, 2
- Dearborn: 13, 5, 1
- Sullivan: 27, 1, 1
- Clay: 17, 2, 3
- Owen: 13, 1, 1
- Monroe: 74, 20, 12
- Brown: 4, 2, 1
- Bartholomew: 47, 10, 6
- Ripley: 24, 2, 3
- Greene: 33, 2, 2
- Lawrence: 47, 3, 4
- Jackson: 40, 2, 4
- Jennings: 14, 3, 3
- Jefferson: 27, 3, 6
- Switzerland: 9, 1, 1
- Knox: 31, 8, 2
- Daviess: 30, 2, 5
- Martin: 7, 1, 1
- Orange: 24, 2, 2
- Washington: 33, 2, 2
- Scott: 11, 1, 2
- Clark: 45, 13, 8
- Gibson: 36, 4, 2
- Pike: 14, 1, 1
- Dubois: 31, 4, 2
- Crawford: 40, 2, 3
- Floyd: 44, 11, 10
- Posey: 154, 23, 20
- Warrick: 44, 5, 2
- Spencer: 12, 3, 3
- Perry: 13, 3, 3
- Harrison: 40, 2, 3
- Vanderburgh: 16, 3, 3

### First Steps Child Count



**First Steps Primary Referral Source  
State Fiscal Year 2001 to 2003**

Source	SFY 2001		SFY 2002		SFY 2003	
El Providers	1621	9.0%	1438	7.7%	1226	6.2%
Family & Friends	5472	30.3%	6007	32.1%	6455	32.4%
Head Start	83	0.5%	80	0.4%	100	0.5%
Health Care	7891	43.7%	8619	46.0%	9588	48.2%
Healthy Families	691	3.8%	668	3.6%	575	2.9%
Mental Health Agencies	77	0.4%	57	0.3%	33	0.2%
Office of Family and Children	715	4.0%	594	3.2%	491	2.5%
Other	846	4.7%	667	3.6%	747	3.8%
Social Service Agencies	212	1.2%	215	1.1%	238	1.2%
WIC	464	2.6%	375	2.0%	453	2.3%

**First Steps Program Eligibility**

Description	2001		2002		2003	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
15% Delay in 2 or more Developmental Domains	1593	23%	2740	22%	2917	22%
20% Delay in 1 Developmental Domain	3197	46%	6729	53%	7091	54%
At Risk	599	9%	683	5%	688	5%
Medical Conditions	1604	23%	2539	20%	2390	18%
<b>Total</b>	<b>6993</b>		<b>12691</b>		<b>13086</b>	